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CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2103, Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, (14 nays, sic) 16 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Senator DeCamp, do you want to move the bill? The move is to readvance the bill. All those in favor say aye, opposed. Yes, it is debatable. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have got to get a couple more things into the record because the debate has gone on so long this morning anyway. I don't know if any of you are aware of it but I stayed out of it a long time and I was upstairs but I was listening, and when it seemed that the Legislature was going to take the whole morning anyway, I decided to go ahead and get my comments into the record at this stage of debate as I have on others. Change is what we are talking about and you will notice when Senator DeCamp spearheads a change usually there is some strong lobbying group or powerful special interest that wants that change and it usually is just bulldozed right through the Legislature because the work is done somewhere other than on the floor, slurry pipeline, tax deals, but very little is ever done in the way of change that relates to the run-of-the-mill garden-variety citizen who though they make up the majority, they make up the population, are not really organized as such, have no unified voice as such, so, consequently, are generally disregarded. When we talk about changing this license plate, remember, initially there had to be a decision made as to what the license plate numbering would consist of anyway. People lived, they will continue to live. Senator Hefner, if your first name were Hugh and we said Hugh Hefner, the first thing people would do would relate you to Playboy, draw a conclusion, and not even listen to certain things you said unless you were in certain gatherings, then what you said would carry authority. When we talk about a change, if people react to the word "change" in the way some react to the name "Hugh Hefner", we don't even get a discussion of the merits or the issue that we are talking about changing. Now if Orville and Wilbur had listened to the arguments of people who were against changing in their day who said that if God wanted man to fly they would have given him wings, there would be no airplanes. If the ones who created the horseless carriage had listened to what people said about if we were to roll around on wheels we would have had wheels instead of feet, there would still be horses pulling carriages which nevertheless have wheels but they didn't have combustion engines. And so it goes with every change that has occurred. Yet all of them have been seen to be beneficial once people adjusted to them and accept them. There have been a number of